

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## **PROCLAMATION**

- **WHEREAS**, Iowa feeds the world with high-quality products including pork, beef, lamb, poultry, eggs, and fish; according to the last USDA census of agriculture, Iowa generated almost \$29 billion in crop and livestock sales, putting us 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation.
- WHEREAS, Iowa producers are leading the way in animal health care, husbandry, and handling practices; from our largest meat processing companies, to small family-owned meat lockers, Iowa plays a critical role in the food supply chain.
- WHEREAS, these products are packed with wholesome and nutritious protein and play a critical role in combating hunger and fighting food insecurity throughout Iowa, America and around the globe;
- WHEREAS, producers are under constant scrutiny from ill-informed politicians and social media influencers, who diminish the brand of everyday food, mislead consumers, and disregard sound research supporting the quality and safety of animal agriculture;
- WHEREAS, now, more than ever, it is imperative that agricultural leaders unite and stand up for our industry, the products, and the people who produce the meat and animal protein products that feed an ever-growing global population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

## MEAT ON THE TABLE MONTH

in Iowa, and call upon the people of Iowa to purchase and eat pork, beef, lamb, poultry, eggs, fish, or another kind of meat from one of Iowa's many meat and poultry processors or retailers.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS \(\frac{1}{2}\) DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

KIM REYNOLDS GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE